



## CSBG Success Story

Please submit success story to Jessica Simon at [jessica.simon@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:jessica.simon@commerce.wa.gov). If you have questions, contact Jessica at 360-725-2850. Due Date: The 10<sup>th</sup> of the month the story is due.

**Date:** March 3, 2010

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<b>1. Success Story is for:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FFY 09 (skip to question 8) <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 10 (skip questions 6 & 7)	
<b>2. CSBG Project Name:</b>		
<b>3. Total Project Budget:</b>	\$	
<b>4. Total CSBG Amount of Budget:</b>	\$	
<b>5. Number of total clients expected to serve, with all funds for the project:</b>		
<b>6. Number of ARRA jobs expected to be created/retained as a result of this project:</b>		
<b>7. Number of ARRA jobs actually created/retained as a result of this project to date:</b>		
<b>8. Brief project/activity description:</b>	Housing for homeless individuals living in encampments.	
<b>9. How will this project help clients, build community, and form new partnerships? What aspects of the project would you like to share with the public:</b>		
<p>This project assists homeless individuals living in encampments to obtain housing in a Housing First model. The project has been successful for many clients. Some of the original enrollees are now attending college level courses, some have reunited with family, others are accessing long overdue medical and dental treatment. Persons who were once looked down upon by society as "homeless" are now contributing to the community by working in full or part time positions, attending job training, obtaining SS or SSI and seeking treatment for chemical addictions and mental illnesses.</p> <p>One clients story:</p> <p>MK has been on her own since she was 13 year old. She turned to alcohol, drugs and prostitution to get by in life. She abandoned her children to continue her lifestyle. Upon entering the Housing First program, she was never available for her regularly scheduled Case Management visits. She seldom stayed at the apartment provided for her. Her friends and Case Manager encouraged her to give up her apartment and return to the streets.</p> <p>The case manager working with her left the agency and another Case Manager took over her case. He allowed</p>		

MK to direct how she would go about changing her life. Eventually, MK began to accesss the apartment then started residing at the apartment. She made herself available for Case Management visits. She began talking about wanting to get clean and sober and was connected to outpatient treatment. After one false start, she tried again and went into a 30 day in-patient program. She followed-up the inpatient program with outpatient treatment and graduated from the outpatient program too.

Today MK has regained custody of her daughters. She is involved in the Community Jobs program to gain employment skills and is addressing her court costs and fines through community service. She has plans to work on obtaining her GED as soon as she completes the community service. This client has had numerous setbacks, since beginning her road to change. However, she has learned to use Case Management and her family as a support system and has not returned to her old habits.